

Theft on the rise, Dyess fights back

By Ron Membrila
7th Security Forces Squadron

Over the past month and a half, theft on Dyess has risen tremendously at a cost of thousands of dollars to units and military members, and base officials are asking for Airmen's help in better securing valuables and catching thieves.

Thefts have occurred throughout the installation, including dormitories, AAFES and squadron facilities; and items stolen varied from laptop computers, PDAs, televisions, rims and tires, and generators.

The biggest hit was Nov. 7 when the base military clothing store was broken into and items valued at more than \$5,600 were taken. On the same day, a laptop from a military member's unlocked vehicle on base and squadron funds which totaled more than \$280 were taken.

Other reports state the theft of a plasma TV, PDA and laptop including its docking station Oct. 20 from Bldg. 8202. In addition, in early November, thieves got away with two internal RAMs, four wheel rims with tires valued at more than \$600, and military gear taken from different vehicles on base.

Then thieves expanded their strikes, starting with the cantonment area where they got away with three generators valued at more than \$3,000. On the same day, a snack bar fund with more than \$200 in it was stolen, in addition to two 17-inch LCD flat screen monitors and one 42-inch big screen TV from Bldg. 6015.

In late November, thieves stole an A3 bag from Bldg. 7008 with all required training gear to include the individual's training records and two laptops from Bldg. 6015. Finally, this past weekend, a lone thief struck one of the squadron's snack bar funds for almost \$90.

Many of these thefts could have been avoided by using basic security practices. Airmen should make it routine to ensure all exits are locked at

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Zealous new command chief

Wheeler full of ideas, ready to take the reins

By Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

There's a new command chief here at Dyess, and at times he appears incognito.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Wheeler's presence is hard to miss because his broad shoulders, marine-style hair-cut and straightforward mannerisms are distinguishable marks of his 25-year career in security forces. But he walks around Dyess in civilian clothes after hours with his dog, Fuego, talking to Airmen with no haughty airs, sometimes not even mentioning that he's the new "top dog" of the enlisted force here.

Chief Wheeler recently arrived from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., where he and his wife Maira, a retired supply systems analyst master sergeant, were stationed for 16 months. He and Maira met when she was undergoing augmentee training with the security forces squadron. Her undergraduate course work in Spanish has prevented her from moving to Dyess until the end of the semester, but she plans to join him with their cat, Chino, just as soon as she's through with finals in mid-December, Chief Wheeler said.

His blue eyes sparkle when he talks about this, his first command chief position.

"The Air Force has prepared me to be a command chief," he said. "I've had all sorts of exposure in big units as a chief. I've been a functional manager of security forces for Air Combat Command. It's time for me to step up and try something different – to try a new challenge. It would be too easy for me to stay in a security forces unit. I've been around that block too many times. It's not time for me to retire yet."

The Florida native says he has "no illusions of grandeur" for his upcoming term here.

"I'm no hero," he said. "My goal is very simple: to make Dyess a better place to live and



Courtesy photo

Chief Master Sgt. Paul Wheeler, deployed with the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron this summer, searches through five-foot tall reeds in a swampy region of Kirkuk, Iraq, looking for weapons caches hidden by insurgents.

work for the enlisted force."

In order to do so, he talks about improving facilities and equipment, working duty schedules differently in order to integrate physical training into the duty day, sustaining and improving the "people programs" Dyess has, making sure supervisors have time to train their troops for peacetime and war operations, and making sure the unaccompanied Airmen's quarters are not only sufficient but also pleasant. His biggest priority, he said, is training, equipping and deploying Airmen.

"Every Air Force member is an 'expeditionary Airman,'" Chief Wheeler said, borrowing a phrase directly from AFMAN 10-100 (better known as the

Airman's Manual), which he keeps readily accessible on his still-barren desk.

If anyone knows about deployments, Chief Wheeler does. He's been on countless deployment rotations, and he was deployed to Iraq for 10 of the 16 months he spent at Moody.

"We need to do more with our resources and time," he said. "Lack of money and manpower are not excuses; we need to be smarter with how we use what we've got, and prioritize. "Deployment is our job," he emphasized. "It's what we're here for. We need to become a deploying machine. To focus on war fighting as a way of life. That means daily training. The threat here in the United

States is small when measured

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Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Wheeler

Marines assist needy kids with Toys for Tots



Former Marine Nathan Odle (left) donates a gift to Marine Corps reservist volunteers Sgt. Carlos Segovia (front right) and Lance Cpl. Christopher Collins (center).

By Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss
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The Marine Corps Reserve detachment here is once again partnering with Abilene's local Salvation Army to participate in Toys for Tots during the months of November and December at a number of central collection

This is the 58th year that the Marine Corps has volunteered to help the Toys for Tots program, which benefits needy children in the community and helps them experience the joy of Christmas.

"The national average of donated toys distributed through this program is two per child.

Due to the generosity of people here in the Big Country last year, we

were able to exceed the national average and give each child an average of five toys," said Marine Staff Sgt. Marco Hidalgo, maintenance chief.

Sergeant Carlos Segovia and Lance Cpl. Christopher Collins, who volunteered at the South 14th St. Wal-Mart Saturday, said they only accept new, unwrapped toys and money. One year, they collected so much money that they didn't bother collecting toys – they just went on a huge shopping spree and enjoyed picking out the toys themselves.

"If you're gonna give

needy kids new, wrapped gifts they're gonna be more respectful and disciplined," Sergeant Segovia said.

It's a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders, according to Sergeant Hidalgo.

In addition to the actual toy collection program, local coordinators host activities throughout the year in order to generate interest and donations for Toys for Tots. Activities include

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Action Line

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The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. People should always use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first. However, if the problem still can not be resolved, call 696-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil. Leaving your name and phone number ensures a personal reply by phone. The Global Warrior staff reserves the right to edit all Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines will be published.

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The Profession of Arms

Commentary by Lt. Col. Ann Hoyniak-Becker
7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron commander

When I was a medical student enrolled in officer training for Health Professions Scholarship Program participants at the Medina Annex of Lackland Air Force Base, I was told by a general officer that I was an officer first and a physician second.

At the time, I bristled at the thought, my ego somewhat bruised that the profession I had worked so hard to get into, and at the time was still learning, would be placed beneath my Air Force profession. After all, the Air Force was just a means to pay for my medical school training. I was unable to understand the general’s message, and I was too immature at both professions to truly contemplate the profound nature of the statement and the amount of commitment both professions would demand of me.

The simple truth was that indeed I was an officer even before I got my medical degree. I had sworn an oath “to support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.” To do so is a noble cause, one that many have invested their lives and fortunes in since the earliest days of the nation. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice for this cause. I wasn’t thinking of those noble actions as a medical student; at that point in my life, I was overwhelmed with the task of learning how to take care of people. I really hadn’t figured out how this could be part of a “Profession of Arms.”

I’m pretty sure I’m not the only one who began an Air Force career without specific thoughts of the greater, noble profession I was entering.

Since those early days of wearing the uniform, I have learned that there is room for those who take care of people within the “Profession of Arms.”

Certainly those who literally bear arms and take the fight directly to our enemies are worthy of praise. Many in the Air Force take the fight to the front in different ways. We have varying roles. Some of us are strictly in supportive roles taking care of the human weapon system, while others take care of the flying weapon systems, and a few are responsible for directly employing those weapon systems.

All of us have a common factor: we

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are professional Airmen. Each of us has advanced skills in a specialized field, and we act upon those skills in a responsible manner proficiently demonstrating expertise. Whether someone’s job is pumping fuel, repairing engines, loading bombs, delivering bombs, or taking care of other people, all are professionals.

As different as our jobs may be, as professionals we share certain characteristics. We demonstrate ethical behavior. We have been prepared for our jobs through education and training. We continue our development with ongoing training, and we are dedicated to public service above personal achievement.

The similarities to our Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do is obvious. The expertise of a professional is a specific set of skills and body of knowledge that sets the professional apart from the layman. It consists of a technical component (that is, specific technical skills), a theoretical component (providing the theory that underlies the application of tactics and force that make up operations), and a broader analytical component that allows us to plan and think strategically.

Unlike civilian professionals, with individual clients sharing singular bonds and trust, members of the Profession of Arms have the entire American people as their client. The bonds of trust are with the entire nation. Our actions execute the will of the State and are true to our oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States. While all professionals are expected to uphold the trust of their client with personal sacrifice, I can think of no other profession that expects the ultimate sacrifice of one’s life to uphold that trust.

While the success of civilian professionals is frequently measured by their income dollars, the success of military professionals is measured by the strength of their integrity, their years of service, and the ability to lead and take care of their people while accomplishing the mission.


I began my career with little understanding of the difference between my medical and military professions. I’ve grown in my understanding. Now, there is no conflict as to which is “first.”

I am proud to serve in the Profession of Arms, the Air Force, as one who cares for its members.

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Last week, CMSgt Bobbi Bryant, the 7th Bomb Wing Command Chief retired after 31 years of incredible service to our Air Force and our nation. She leaves active duty as one of our Air Force’s most respected and beloved enlisted leaders. Bobbi rose through the ranks holding some of our Air Force’s most important jobs and responsibilities and spent over 17 years as a First Sergeant. In the years she has been at Team Dyess she has made many lasting contributions to Team Dyess and her legacy will be felt for many years to come. We are sad to see our sister warrior depart Team Dyess but we celebrate her service and that of her husband David and fantastic children. All of Team Dyess wish the Bryant family all the best and Godspeed.

Team Dyess also welcomes our new Command Chief, CMSgt Paul Wheeler. Chief Wheeler and his wife Maira are an outstanding addition to the Team Dyess family. Chief Wheeler is a decorated combat veteran with a long distinguished history in security forces and as a battlefield Airman. He is totally committed and focused on improving the quality of life of our warriors and their families and of course to our one and only priority, to hunt down and destroy America’s enemies.



Col. Garrett Harencak
7th Bomb Wing commander

Leadership starts with the man in the mirror

Commentary by Maj. Gen. Scott Gray
Air Mobility Warfare Center commander

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. (AFPN) – As a general officer, I am frequently in front of audiences talking about leadership. One of my favorite groups to address is an Airman Leadership School class.

In my discussions with them -- and every group I face -- I always ask two questions: First, has anyone ever worked for a bad boss or leader? Unfortunately, 75 percent or more of the hands reach for the sky. I then ask for examples of what made these leaders bad.

The answers are normally the same: Not involved with his or her subordinates; not concerned about me or my training; is concerned only with his or her advancement, at any cost; lacks integrity; doesn’t support the boss or the mission; is a tyrant to work for - - frequently screams and yells at folks; harasses people or condones it on and off duty; doesn’t know the mission and doesn’t trust those who do; sets low standards for himself or herself, allowing the shop to skate by.

You get my drift, and you may have met some of these leaders yourself.

The second leadership question is: Have any of you worked for great leaders, and what made them great?

Sadly, fewer than 25 percent of the hands go up, but those that do are raised with enthusiasm.

Their examples are exactly what you would expect and hope for in our Air Force leaders:

Integrity; concerned about me, my development and my family; sets the example on and off duty; lives and breathes the Air Force’s core values of “integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do”; sets high standards for themselves and our shop; takes none of the credit for the good stuff we do, but takes all of the blame for the bad; praises in public, kicks tail in private; loves his job, his life and his family; and makes work fun.

If the Air Force is going to excel and get the most out of our people, we must reverse the negative leadership examples. Our people are our most important asset. We need to treat them as such.

I’m challenging all leaders and supervisors to look in the mirror and reflect on our own strengths and weaknesses, then set out to improve ourselves, so our people can realize their full potential. When we do that, we can take the Air Force to even greater levels.

It is the best investment we can make for our greatest asset – our Airmen and their families. Your Airmen need you to be great.

As for me, I’m heading to the mirror.

TEAM DYESS

FOD Fighter of the Week

Senior Airman Frank Vandevander




Photo courtesy of Senior Airman Oscar Lamas

Senior Airman Frank Vandevander found a grease fitting while performing a foreign object debris walk on the B-1 tow area in front of Hanger 5110, eliminating a potential FOD incident.

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122 Airmen add a stripe in December

The following Airmen Basic were promoted to Airmen:

Briana Anderson, 7th Communications Squadron

Jacob Hall, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Porfirio Sevilla, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron

Robert Szymczak, 7th Medical Operations Squadron



The following Airmen were promoted to Airmen 1st Class:

Michael Baggett, 7th CS Squadron

Terence Bradley, 7th Munitions Squadron

Benjamin Clark, 7th CS

Natasha Gaskin, 7th Bomb Wing

Adrian Gibson, 7th Contracting Squadron

Daniel Gonzalez, 317th Maintenance Squadron

Cody Mazur, 7th MUNS

Simon Mohr, 39th Airlift Squadron

Matthew Naifeh, 7th Services Squadron

Stephen Nosalik, 7th CMS

Nicholas Pankratz, 7th CS

Stacy Robinson, 7th LRS

Jack Thomas, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Jessica Williams, 317th Operations Squadron



The following Airmen 1st Class were promoted to Senior Airmen:

Eric Albarran, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Adrain Barnes, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Christopher Blackwell, 7th AMXS

Randy Calip, 7th LRS

Emily Cannon, 7th OPS

Kory Cardona, 7th Maintenance Group

Brian Clark, 7th EMS

Joseph Cochran, 7th AMXS

Matthew Courtaway, 7th AMXS

Kaipo Cowan, 7th AMXS

Ryan Sterling, 7th CMS

Billy Doncer, 7th AMXS

Matthew Forney, 7th EMS

Joel Garcia, 7th EMS

James Godfrey, 7th CMS

Patrick Haider, 7th AMXS

Trevor Helm, 7th AMXS

Tristan Hensley, 7th OPS

Nathaniel Jerome, 7th CES

Rory Jones, 7th Medical Support Squadron

Anthony Kun, 7th CES

Michael Lasky, 7th AMXS

Daniel Lawson, 317th AMXS

Michael Macias, 7th EMS

Thomas Martinez, 7th MUNS

Courtney Matheney, 7th LRS

Angela Matthews, 28th Bomb Squadron

Derek McGuire, 7th EMS

Thomas Melton, 7th AMXS

Nelson Mendez, 7th CS

Jeremiah Miller, 7th CS

Kevin Milliken, 7th EMS

Gabriel Molanders, 39th AS

Nicholas Moore, 7th EMS

Justin Odom, 317th AMXS

James Piper, Jr., 7th AMXS

Andrew Rambert, 317th AMXS

John Randolph, III, 317th AMXS

Stacy Rayner, 317th AMXS

Robert Richardson, 317th AMXS

Roger Richardson, 317th AMXS

James Rivas, 317th AMXS

Michael Shaver, 7th LRS

Jennifer Walley, 7th AMXS

Jacob Webken, 317th MXS

Anthony Weiss, 7th CMS

Douglas Wells, 317th AMXS



The following Senior Airmen were promoted to staff sergeants:

Jonathan Abel, 7th AMXS

Justin Bellard, 7th LRS

Shawn Evans, 7th CMS

Daniel Fuentes, 7th Operations Support Squadron

Jared Green, 317th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Christian Guillen, 7th MDOS

Michael Hawkins, 7th AMXS

Jeremy Hensley, 7th EMS

Ammon Hickman, 7th BW

Paul Johnson, 7th CMS

William Newell, 7th AMXS

Mitul Patel, 317th MXS

Jesse Rios, Jr., 7th MUNS

Keith Schultz, 7th CES

Quinton Smith, 317th AMXS

Durham Stewart, 40th AS

Nathan Vrana, 28th BS

Trenichia Williams, 317th MOS

Henry Yanez, Jr., 7th LRS



The following staff sergeants were promoted to technical sergeants:

Jeffery Bell, 7th BW

James Bentz, 317th MXS

Tarry Brindle, 7th AMXS

Julian Cervantes, III, 9th BS

Ruth Cooley, 7th LRS

Michael Gall, 40th AS

Gary Landenberger, 7th Mission Support Squadron

James, Lemmons, 317th AMXS

Michael Lucarelli, 40th AS

Dustin Massey, 7th EMS

Thomas Perry, 7th Maintenance Group

Martin Siler, 39th AS

David Teffeteller, 7th OSS

Edward Timmons, 7th EMS

Dennis Waigand, 7th AMXS

James Walsh, Det. 20

Jamie Wilkerson, 7th LRS

Clayton Woodall, 7th SVS

The following technical sergeants were promoted to master sergeants:



Thomas Colvin, Jr., 7th AMXS

Richard Diamond, 7th AMXS

Anthony Herrera, 317th MOS

Jose Lopez, 7th MDOS

Darrin Neito, 7th LRS

Gregory Parks, 7th MXG

Robert Rossman, 337th Test and Evaluation Squadron

Daniel White, 317th AMXS

The follwing master sergeant was promoted to senior master sergeant:



William Yarbrough, 7th CMS

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“Deployment is our job,” he emphasized. “It’s what we’re here for! We need to become a deploying machine. To focus on war fighting as a way of life. That means daily training. The threat here in the United States is small when measured against the threat level in Iraq, with the combat that is going on, but we need to be training our Airmen so that when we send them over there they feel no difference.”

But Chief Wheeler’s zeal for more training and readiness is not an indication of any dissatisfaction with what he’s seen so far at Dyess.

“I’ve only talked to about 10 percent of the base populous so far,” he said, “but already I see very young professionals doing jobs normally done by folks much higher in rank and with more time in service.”

That statement echoes exactly what retired Command Chief Master Sgt. Roberta Bryant expressed when she said goodbye to Dyess Nov. 28.

“I’ve seen great communication, team work and community relations here,” Chief Wheeler continued. “The We Care Team, directed by Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey, does unbelievable things for the community. People from Abilene can call and ask for help, and they know they will get what they need done.”

Speaking of getting things done, Chief Wheeler expressed his intense hatred for inefficiency.

“It kills morale,” he said. “I want to challenge leadership to prioritize Airman’s jobs. It should be easy. Focus on the basics: war



Courtesy photo

Chief Master Sgt. Paul Wheeler and a wingman from the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron complete a ‘search and clear’ of a former Ba’ath Party Headquarters building this summer in Western Kirkuk, Iraq, looking for military intelligence materials.

fighting, families and professional development.”

As far as he’s concerned, supervision and training should be a hands-on, day-to-day, over-the-shoulder process. He said he plans to conduct lunchtime “brown bag lunch” seminars,

about 45 minutes in length, which any Airmen of any rank can come to and get a short seminar on writing enlisted performance reports, performance feedbacks, decoration and award packages and other various topics.

“I want to make sure when I

leave, someone on this base knows something about everything I know,” he said. He wants to leave the next generation with all of the knowledge he’s acquired over his long Air Force career.

The gung-ho chief said he is also excited about working with Col. Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander. Their goal for the 7th Bomb Wing and Dyess is the same: to kill the pathetic villains who have caused harm to the United States.

But his goal, second to hunting down and destroying America’s enemies, is to take care of everyone at the moment they are in need. Every single servicemember is important, he said.

“I’ve experienced everything a young Airman will ever go through. I’ve lived in dorms and base housing, used the child care center, and eaten at the chow hall. I’m here to lead by example. I’m not perfect, but I intend to take care of my people.”

Part of that includes seeing for himself how people at Dyess live, he said. He intends to pay impromptu visits to the dormitories and various work centers. “I’m not looking to get people in trouble,” he said. “I just want to see how people really live.”

“If I have a choice between wing stand-up and an Airman’s Advisory Council meeting, the AAC wins, every time, hands down,” he said.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Wheeler

“My goal is very simple: to make Dyess a better place to live and work for the enlisted force.”



Courtesy photo

The 506th Expeditionary SFS, deployed in West Kirkuk, Iraq, show off their newly-shaved heads. They and the Army unit they were stationed with donned the bald look this summer in order to raise money for the Children’s Cancer Center in Boise, Idaho.



Photo courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey

Spreading the holiday spirit

Staff Sgt. Lance Pigott, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron, repaints the We Care Team display for the 2005 Christmas Lane city display Saturday. Sergeant Pigott, the WCT recognition chair, was accompanied by other WCT members including Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey, WCT coordinator and 7th Mission Support Squadron military equal opportunity superintendent. Christmas Lane, which began Tuesday and will run through Dec. 24, is a drive-through with lighted displays at Abilene State School.

Toys

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footraces, roping competitions and motor-cycle benefit runs.

So far this year, Toys for Tots has raised more than \$2,000 and collected more than 5,200 toys. Their ultimate goal, according to Sergeant Hidalgo, is to collect 23,000 toys.

The toys will be distributed at the Abilene Civic Center Dec. 21 – 23.

Collection points on Dyess are at the Child Development Center, the Hangar Center and the Marine Corps Detachment. There are also more than 60 locations in Abilene including the fire departments, police department, city hall, hospitals and news stations.

For more information or to volunteer for Toys for Tots, contact Sergeant Hidalgo at 325-201-4360.



Thefts

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the end of the day, vehicle doors are locked, and for those who drive trucks, to ensure gear and valuables are stored inside homes or inside of vehicles and not in truck beds.

People should be more vigilant of those around them, especially while locking

up their buildings or even locking up rooms where money or valuables could be stored.

The use of security mechanisms on high value items (like TVs) will make it harder for those items to be taken. For instance, because PDAs can be easily taken off a person’s desk, people should remember to place in a locked drawer or take it with them.

All Team Dyess members need to be aware of their surroundings. Suspicious personnel in facilities who don’t appear to belong should be questioned, and suspicious activity should be reported to the 7th Security Forces Squadron control center at 696-2131. Additionally, Airmen should promote awareness of the Abilene Crime Stoppers program within their sections and units to encourage crime reporting.

Anyone can call Crime Stoppers anonymously to report a crime. Callers will leave the information and then receive instructions on when to call back and how to check on the case. If the call results in the arrest and charges filed on an offender or the apprehension of a fugitive, the caller will be paid in cash – up to \$1,000. Anonymity will be preserved throughout the process.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

TEAM DYESS
Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Lance Pigott, III

Unit: 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Job title: Senior weapons system controller, server administrator
Job description: To monitor and track changes to aircraft maintenance and flying statuses through the administration and management of the Enhanced Maintenance Operations Center Server and to supervise shift controllers at the MOC.
Time in the Air Force: Seven years, five months
Time at Dyess: Six years, 11 months
Marital status: Wife, Heather; daughter, Harley, 4; son, Dustin, 2.
Hometown: Houston
Most rewarding job aspect: That I have been able to make a real difference in the Air Force. I am proud to know when I leave Dyess it will be better then it was when I arrived.
Career goals: I am currently finishing my last 16 weeks of undergraduate work. My goal is to hold on to my 4.0 grade point average and apply to officer training school.
What you like most about Dyess: The constant improvements and renovations. Dyess is constantly evolving into a bigger, better base.
What you like most about the Air Force: The abundant opportunities to improve myself. I came into the Air Force with next to nothing, and I have been able to use the opportunities given to me to make myself into someone who my family can be proud of.

(Editor's note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron basis.)

Chief Bryant retires



Photo by Airman 1st Class Courtney Garrard

A glimpse of her ceremony, reception, and 31-year, multi-faceted career ...

ABOVE: Command Chief Master Sgt. Roberta "Bobbi" Bryant's 13-year-old son, Matthew, pins on the Meritorious Service Medal she was awarded at her retirement ceremony. Chief Bryant retired Nov. 28 after almost 31 years of dedicated service in the United States Air Force.

RIGHT: Chief Bryant is congratulated by well-wishers who followed her to a brief cake reception at the Bomb Shelter, Dyess' Enlisted Club, after the ceremony.

BELOW, LEFT: Chief Bryant and her daughter, Ivy Campbell, take the podium at her retirement dinner, sharing memories from their many adventures together. "We grew up more like friends than like mother and daughter," Ivy said as a preface to her tearful speech.

BELOW, RIGHT: Chief Bryant takes a trip in a fighter aircraft.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers



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FAR LEFT: Chief Bryant rides her horse, Sunkist, who was supposed to accompany Chief Bryant at her ceremony Nov. 28th. The possibility of inclement weather prevented the chief from "riding off into the sunset."

LEFT: Chief Bryant accompanies a convoy at a forward-deployed location. She was deployed as a first sergeant.

News Briefs

Housing office closure

The housing office is scheduled to be closed for half a day starting at noon today.

Santa Clause at base library

Children are invited to come to the second annual “Breakfast and Books with Santa” tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the base library.
For more information, call the library at 696-2618.

Annual cookie drop

First sergeants will be accepting cookie donations for base dormitory residents Thursday and Friday at the Heritage Club.

Deployed families dinner

The Longhorn Dining Facility is scheduled to host several dinner parties for the families of deployed servicemembers Thursday and Dec. 20 and 29 from 4 to 7 p.m.
Military identification cards are required. Dinner items will be priced a la carte. Fees must be paid in cash; no credit cards, debit cards or checks are accepted. Children must be accompanied by a parent at all times for safety reasons. Shirts with sleeves and shoes are required.
Dinner for the families of deployed active-duty Air Force members will be free Thursday only.
For more information, call the Longhorn dining Facility at 696-2421.

Quarterly blood drive Dec. 16

Dyess’ quarterly blood drive is scheduled for Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hangar Center.
Current donor restrictions, per Department of Defense Armed Services Blood Program Office, are as follows: any one who has traveled or lived in the United Kingdom for three months or longer between 1980-1996; traveled or lived in Europe for six months or longer between 1980-1996; or received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980. Anyone may donate immediately after receiving an Anthrax vaccine or two weeks after a smallpox vaccine scab has fallen off on its own.
For more information, contact Capt. Aida Yumol at 696-5414.

Author back to sign books

Charles Anderson, who wrote a book on World War II hero Buddy Hart, and other historical books, is scheduled to be back at AAFES Dec. 17th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to sign books.
For more information, contact Sheila Scevers at 696-4849.

Holiday champagne brunch

The holiday champagne brunch is scheduled for Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Club. Cost is \$14.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children and \$12.95 for club members.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Walkenhorst

Happy holidays from the base chapel

The base chapel hosted a Christmas tree and Hanukkah menorah lighting ceremony here Tuesday night. The Dyess chapel choir sang carols and news stations KTAB, KRBC and KTXS were there to provide publicity.

For more information, contact the club staff at 696-2405.

military personnel flight at 696-2646.

Davis-Spector at 696-4814.

Colossal Cookie Challenge

The Colossal Cookie Challenge is scheduled for Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Hangar Center.
For more information, call the Hangar Center at 696-4305.

Upcoming commissary hours

The Dyess commissary is scheduled to be open Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Dec. 25 and Jan.1.

Kwanzaa observance

Dyess’ Black Heritage Committee is scheduled to host the third annual Kwanzaa observance Dec. 29 from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Hangar Center ballroom.
For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Robert Scarlett at 696-4780.

Life insurance policy change

Effective immediately, Serviceman’s Group Life Insurance is being modified to include coverage of \$25,000 to \$100,000 for various traumatic injuries. The cost is one dollar more per month. Members who wish to decline must decline all SGLI coverage. Those heading off to war are the primary reason for this change; however, injuries sustained anywhere qualify for these payments. The retroactive feature is only for injuries in the area of responsibility, not injuries occurring elsewhere.
For more information, contact the

Holiday lighting policy

Outside Christmas lights and decorations are allowed to be put up from now until Jan. 2. Lights may be turned on from dark until 11 p.m. each evening except for Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1, when they may be used from dark until 2 a.m.
Lights should be periodically checked for fire hazards. Too many lights may overload circuits and possibly cause a fire. The recommended exterior display is to light the length of the house on one side only, one lighted display or lights on one tree in the yard. All electrical devices, including holiday lighting, must be approved by Underwriter’s Laboratory (designated by “UL” on the label). Residents are only allowed to use lights marked for outside use if they are displaying them outdoors and should be sure that all lights are off before leaving the house. Only plastic clips and suction cup clips that affix to shingles or gutters may be used to hang lights on housing units.
Extreme caution should be used in new housing units, as surfaces are metal with stucco or brick and must not be damaged. No nails or screws are allowed. Lights are not to be placed on the roof or roof edges as the surface may be damaged. Keep all electrical wiring away from contact with metal surfaces. Older units may connect lights into the porch light by using a plug adapter. In new units, use the outlet provided on the exterior of the unit. Only approved exterior type extension cords may be used.
For more information, contact Dawn

Road closures

Preliminary site work has started for Dyess’ new fire station. Upcoming road closures and traffic route changes are as follows: 1st Street will be closed to general traffic; access to Hangars 5017 and 5018 will be re-routed; and the parking lots east of Bldgs. 5014 and 5015 and west of Bldg. 8030 will be reduced by 50 percent.

New vet hours

Dyess’ veterinary clinic is now open Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Thrift shop

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open to all Dyess personnel and their families. Store hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted on open days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located at 382 4th Avenue.
To contact the thrift store, call 696-8203.

Space-available travel

The following flights are currently available for space-available travel:

- Monday at 8 a.m. to Lawson, Ga.; returns Dec. 15.
- Dec. 16 at 8 a.m. to Norfolk Naval Station, Va.; returns Dec. 18.

All flights are subject to changes or cancellation without prior notice. Show time for all flights is two hours prior to scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military identification card plus one additional form of ID. Active duty travelers must possess valid leave orders. The passenger terminal is at Bldg. 4218, 941 Avenue B. For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must notify the pax terminal at 696-4505 or 696-8732.

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The Web site will then forward visitors to the sponsorship order form page, in order to request the program. For more information, call Brandon Chatham at 951-256-4076.

Dyess Chapel



Catholic worship schedule:

Saturday: Reconciliation — 4 p.m.
Mass — 5 p.m.
Sunday: Mass — 9 a.m.
Monday — Thursday: Mass — 11:30 a.m.

Jewish services are held at Temple Mizpah, 849 Chestnut St., at 7 p.m. Dec. 30 and Jan. 20.

Nursery and children’s church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Maj. Matt Paskin at 696-1530. For information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

Protestant worship schedule:

Traditional worship service — 11 a.m.
Gospel service 12:30 p.m.

The BIG Screen

Friday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Fog

(Tom Welling, Maggie Grace)

A quiet seaside town is engulfed by a thick fog precisely one century after a boat sunk just off the coast under mysterious circumstances. Rated PG-13 (*violence, disturbing images and brief sexuality*) 100 min.

Saturday at 2 p.m.

Doom

(Karl Urban, Rosamund Pike)

Based on the hit computer game about Marines sent to investigate what went wrong on a space station, only to face a far greater evil unlike any other. Rated R (*strong violence/gore and language*). 100 min.

Saturday at 7 p.m.

North Country

(Charlize Theron, Elle Peterson, Thomas Curtis)

A fictionalized account of the first major successful sexual harassment case in the United States, where a woman who endured a range of abuse while working as a miner filed and won the landmark 1984 lawsuit. Rated R (*sequences involving sexual harassment including violence and dialogue, language.*) 126 min.

7th AMXS wins championship

Undefeated team ecstatic over their continuous success

Story and photo by Senior Airman James Schenck
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron shut down the 7th Component Maintenance Squadron Wednesday night 21-7 in what would be the final game of the post season.

This win is their 16th straight victory this year and earned them the intramural football championship.

“(Our team) played with a lot of heart and desire not to only make it to the championship game, but to also win it all,” said John McIntyre, AMXS coach.

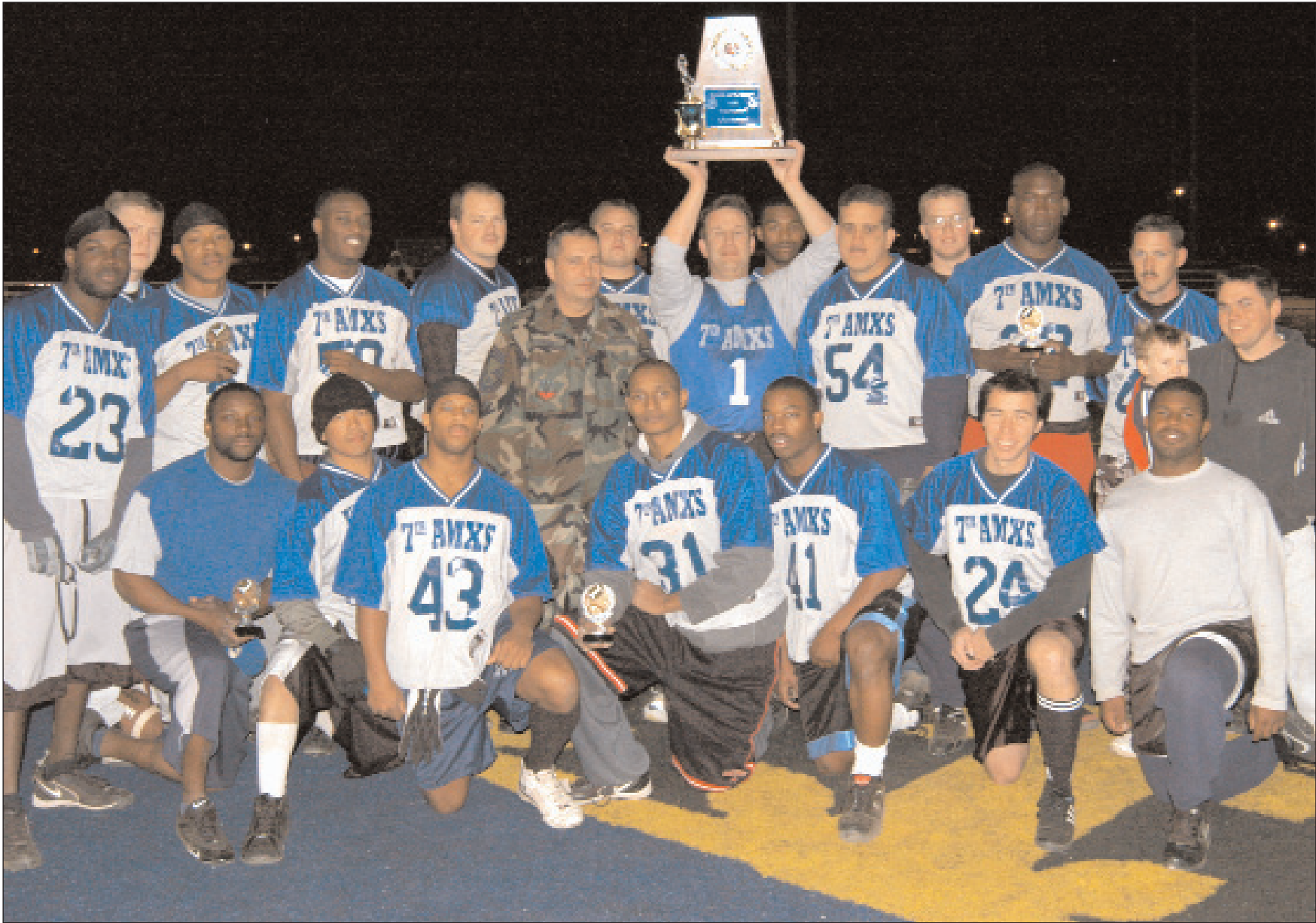
Despite a strong start by the 7th CMS with a touchdown by Jere Holder and extra point by James Yerger in the first possession, the tides would turn in the very next possession.

The 7th AMXS was not able to put anything together on their first two downs leaving only the third down to make or break the possession since they had such poor field position.

Robert Jackson, 7th AMXS quarterback, launched a huge pass to Willie Green’s hands. Only a short run was necessary to put the 7th AMXS on the boards. Bryce Zabrie’s extra point tied the score 7-7 with 4:30 left in the half.

Todd Tinney, 7th CMS quarterback, wasn’t able to make anything of his team’s subsequent possession, and they were forced to punt the ball on their fourth down so as not to leave the AMXS too close to their end zone.

While CMS’s strategy was good, AMXS was able to put together a series of plays pushing



The 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron celebrates their victorious triumph over the 7th Component Maintenance Squadron in the last championship game of the season. The AMXS was undefeated this season.

the ball downfield and ending in a pass to Marques White for a touchdown.

The extra point put the score at 14-7 with only 19 seconds to the end of the half.

Crushingly, CMS’s first pass of the next possession was intercepted handily by Johnson, who in the next two plays managed to get closer to the end zone, but nothing would come of the plays before the whistle blew ending

the half.

The 7th AMXS’s coin toss victory before the game allowed them to receive starting the second half. After just a couple of plays, they managed to put themselves close to the end zone. A lateral pass to Travis Gendruie was run in, putting a comeback for the 7th CMS completely out of reach.

CMS had some serious ground to make up before the end of the

game, and their drive in the next possession would go through three first downs but a failed fourth down pass to Jack Ruen would end their hopes of a touchdown with a turnover.

CMS played furiously in hopes of forcing a turnover during the last few minutes of the game but were unable to make it happen before the game ended.

“(The 7th CMS is) a great team, and we expected to play

them for the championship just like we played them for the pre-season tournament championship,” McIntyre said. “We played with a determination to win it all, especially after last year’s playoffs. Going undefeated (this season) just proved what we had thought last season and going into this season that if we play our style and force the way the other teams plays, we can not be beaten.”

7th OG beats 7th MSS in basketball season opener

By 1st Lt. Aaron Hochman-Zimmerman
7th Bomb Wing protocol

Third time’s a charm. We’ve got a basketball season.

After Monday’s two-forfeiture, head fake season opener; the eight-team, 30-and-over basketball tournament began Tuesday with a 50-44 7th Operations Group victory over the 7th Mission Support Squadron.

Jeff Martin of the Ops Group team won the tip-off, but the quicker MSS team began to push the ball up and run on the legs of their point guard, Gaymon James. MSS was able to capture an early 8-2 lead.

Ops played disjointedly, which created turnovers and break-away opportunities MSS used to control the action in the first half.

“[Hold a] 2-3 zone, pack it in tight, don’t give ‘em anything easy inside, make ‘em shoot,” Martin told his Ops team. “The big guys need to stay down there and mix it up.”

MSS team’s break-aways were instrumental to their lead. The team showed little ball movement around the arc and relied heavily on Ops turnovers. Those mistakes would amount to a five-point lead for MSS as the first half came to a close.

“Attack them; take the ball. Let’s run for two more minutes,” Belgrave Millington told his MSS squad. It would be enough to hold the lead.

The first 20-minute half ended with MSS leading 17-12.

Millington called his team’s attack “a mix of everything,” but said particularly “[their] running game,” was the team’s best weapon.

“We made a lot of unforced errors in the first half,” Martin said during halftime.

As the second half began, Ops’ turnover leaks were plugged, and their often uncoordinated

offense found its confidence and rhythm.

Ops played as a team, was able to get the ball underneath, and began to chip away at the MSS lead. The increased pressure from the paint also freed the Ops shooters to take open shots, rather than forced ones.

“We didn’t settle for outside shots,” Martin said after the game.

In the second half, MSS was down by as much as 10. During a timeout Millington told his team, “We can still win. Let’s push the ball.”

Their speed returned, but not their lead.

MSS hit three-pointers on three consecutive possessions, two by Anthony Hilliard, with just over a minute left in the game and pulled their lead up to within two points.

“Everyone was catching a second wind,” MSS’ James said.

It was not enough.

Overall, the game was engrossing for the few spectators, and almost all of the players as well. With two minutes left in the game, Tim Stocking, who hit a few key shots from the corner, was on the Ops bench with his cell phone in hand.

“It’s hard to combine work and pleasure on the basketball court,” he joked after the game.

Throughout the game, referees Reginald Vessels and Donnie Kellogg were strict, and were not

hesitant to call fouls. Gaymon James felt is was a deciding factor.

“They won it at the free throw line. We needed to push the ball a little more,” he admitted.

After Monday’s forfeitures, Tuesday felt more like basketball season.

“This is more like what we’re used to seeing,” said Trevor Jackson, the tournament’s scheduler, over the sound of squeaking sneakers and shouting players as the 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron/Maintenance Operations Squadron and 7th Munitions Squadron began warming up for their game.

CARs help Airmen obtain insurance funds

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Casualty assistance representatives have a vital role in ensuring injured Airmen get the insurance funds to which they are entitled.

Their job is to help potentially eligible members with Traumatic Injury Protection Insurance applications in coordination with the base military treatment facility.

The insurance coverage is a tax free lump sum payment ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000, depending on the extent of the injury. Members insured under the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance policy are automatically covered at an increase in their premiums of only \$1 per month.

The coverage also includes a retroactive provision for Airmen who suffered a qualifying loss as a direct result of injuries incurred in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom from Oct. 7, 2001 through Nov. 30, 2005. Enrollment in SGLI is not a

requirement to receive the retroactive TSGLI benefits.

Casualty services personnel from the Air Force Personnel Center here are identifying and contacting Airmen who might be eligible for retroactive TSGLI to provide guidance and assistance.

“The intent of TSGLI is to provide qualifying injured Airmen with an immediate source of income,” said Tom Perry, chief of the casualty matters division at the Air Force Personnel Center here. “Our casualty assistance representatives will play an active role in counseling eligible Airmen and assisting them with the certification process.”

Certification forms for TSGLI benefits are available at base military personnel flights and should be submitted at the earliest opportunity.

For more information on the TSGLI benefit, contact a base casualty assistance representative or call toll-free 800-433-0048.



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